

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for at least the reasons stated in the response having a mailing date of December 17, 2003, and files a Notice of Appeal concurrently herewith.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicant that claims 1-16 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests an allowance of such claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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